GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
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. IMPLEMENTATION OF RTI ACT
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government officials in various Ministries/Departments have different interpretation regarding the information to be furnished under the Right to Information (RTI) Act ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for uniform implementation of the RTI Act and the action taken against erring officials for flouting the Act;

(c) the details of procedure and nature of information sought under RTI Act especially from the Delhi Police;

(d) whether the information sought for is furnished;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of cases received from the general public under the RTI Act in different Ministries/Departments till date and the cases disposed off, till date ;

(g) the number of Public Information Officers appointed in the various States so far; and

(h) the details of States that have implemented/not implemented the RTI Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): No such case has come to the notice of the Department of Personnel & Training.

(b): The points of doubts raised by the various Public Authorities from time to time are clarified by the Department of Personnel and Training in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice , wherever necessary.

(c) to (e): The procedure for seeking information is laid in the Act. The following types of information have been/are being generally asked for in the requests received by Delhi Police under the Act:

(i) Information pertaining to complaints in which enquiry is pending in Vigilance Branch of Police Headquarters or Public Grievances Cell in Districts.

(ii) Information pertaining to the FIRs/investigation into FIRs.

(iii) Personnel information regarding Police officers.

(iv) Information/copies of reports of enquiry by local police about application for arms licence or for issuance of passport on the recommendation of appropriate police authority.

All the applications received under the RTI Act by Delhi Police are being considered under the provisions of sections 8,9 and 11 of the Act.

(f): The information is not maintained centrally.

(g): The appointment of Public Information Officers in various States is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

(h): The States are under the statutory obligation to implement the Right to Information Act,2005. According to the information available, 21 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh , Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamilnadu, Tripura, Uttranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have appointed their Chief Information Commissioners.